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AMERICAN APPAREL MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION

The mission of AAMA is to help create an environment in which the U.S. apparel industry can operate competitively and profitably in a global economy. Association objectives to accomplish this mission include: providing information and educational services to the membership to enable it to respond to a changing apparel environment; educating and informing the public, decision makers, and the media regarding industry trends, issues, and concerns; providing a forum for members to meet and exchange views; promoting awareness of and responsiveness to the legitimate needs and concerns of apparel customers and consumers; representing the interests of the membership on legislative, regulatory, and administrative issues; and anticipating emerging issues affecting the industry.



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AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF TEXTILE CHEMISTS AND COLORISTS

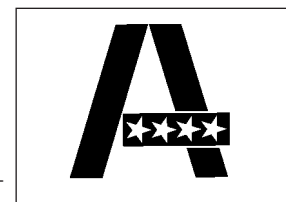
Established in 1921, AATCC is a technical and scientific professional society dedicated to the advancement of knowledge relating to the application and use of dyes and chemicals in the textile industry. The association encourages research work on chemical processes and materials and establishes channels to increase interchange of professional knowledge among members.



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AMERICAN TEXTILE MANUFACTURERS INSTITUTE

ATMI is the national trade association for the domestic textile industry. Member companies operate in more than 30 states and process approximately 80 percent of all textile fibers consumed by plants in the United States. The industry employs 656,000 people. ATMI's activities encompass government relations, international trade, product and member services, communications, and economic information.



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AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR TESTING AND MATERIALS, COMMITTEE D13 ON TEXTILES

ASTM D13 develops standard test methods, specifications practices, and guides for textiles and related material including fibers, yarns, fabrics, apparel, care labeling, ropes, tire cord, pile floor coverings, home furnishings, nonwoven fabrics and subassemblies.

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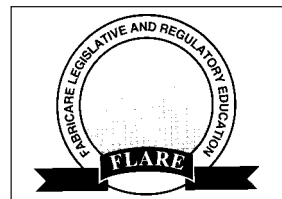
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FABRICARE LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY EDUCATION ORGANIZATION

FLARE is a national, grass-roots organization composed of volunteers from within the fabric care industry. FLARE's mission is to foster an environment for the Fabric Care Industry to prosper. The organization seeks to accomplish its mission by providing a communications channel for the fabric care industry to facilitate discussion and education amongst industry members, regulators, legislators, and the general public on fabric care issues and on the benefits of fabric care to society.



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PROFESSIONAL WET CLEANING PARTNERSHIP

PWCP has three goals: to encourage the development and demonstration of professional wet cleaning methods; to promote increased professional wet cleaning of clothes that previously would have been dry cleaned; and to assist those presently in the clothes care industry to survive and prosper in the face of heightened regulatory pressures. Participating organizations in the Partnership include: the International Fabricare Institute, Greenpeace, the Neighborhood Cleaners Association, the Center for Neighborhood Technology, FLARE, Massachusetts Toxics Use Reduction Institute, the Federation of Korean Drycleaning Associations, and the Union of Needletrades, Industrial & Textile Employees.



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U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

EPA, through its Design for the Environment (DfE) Program, is working with a variety of industries—from dry cleaners to printers to metal platers—to encourage the design of safer processes and products by eliminating or minimizing pollution. DfE conducts collaborative studies and shares research with government agencies, industry groups, public interest groups, universities, and others. The overall mission of DfE is to cultivate pollution prevention strategies that integrate both environmental and economic objectives. In this way, a critical link can be forged between the need to protect the environment and economic productivity. As part of its DfE program, EPA formed a partnership with the dry cleaning industry and public interest groups in 1991 to minimize perchloroethylene exposures and evaluate alternative technologies.



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